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History



Kanowit got its name from a minor ethnic group called 'Kanowits' who stayed here long time ago. This group is considered strong and brave but they don't found today. Kanowit District Council (named Kanowit Sea Dayak Local Authority) was established in 1949. It's located at Shop No. 50 Kanowit town, more commonly knows as a 'Bilik Tukang Kambuh'.

In 1950, Council office moved to Kanowit Clinic Building where 'Market Serbaguna' now. In 1957, Council got its new name 'Kanowit District Council' under Section 6 & 7, State Elections Ordinance (Cap.7).

On 5 October 1967, Council office moved to present site (Jalan Kubu, opposite Ford Emma) after new office completed.

Initially the Council's Chairman appointed by the State Government or Representatives through elections. Since 1980, District Officer automatically appointed as Council's Chairman and Secretary as the Head of Department.

Below is the list of Chairman and Secretaries who has served in Kanowit District Council:

No	Name of Chairman	Year
1	Drake Brockmen	1949-1952
2	A.R.G Morison	1952-1954
3	Temenggong Bayang	1954-1955
4	Empaling Ak Imang	1955-1958
5	Temenggong Masam Ak Radin	1959-1963
6	Francis Bujang Manja	1963-1975
7	Hillary Mukit Guroh	1976-1979
8	Walter Chamber Najod	1980-1981
9	Empeni Lang	1982-1983
10	Jonathan Saga Supit	1983-1986
11	Webber Ketit	1987
12	Peter Ling Hing Sung	1987-1988
13	Michael Napil Jawip	1988-1993
14	Michael Dawi Alli	1993-1994
15	Ling Kai Siew	1995-1999
16	Edward Nyalang Bandar	1999-2002
17	Edward Sadai Anja	2002-2004
18	Philip Addo	2004-2005
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19	Doddie Ramon	2000-2012
20	Haji Ibrahim Bin Kipli	2012-2014
21	Kalis Anak Noel Nyabong	2014-Now

No	Name of Secretary	Year
1	Sio Lai Wat (Clerk In-charge)	1949
2	Chiew Hung Seng	1950-1958
3	Wong Leong Kai	1959-1972
4	Joseph Liao Geok Soo	1973-1976
5	Peter Ngu Teck Ming	1976-1979
6	Gordon Stephen Than	1979-1983
7	Benjamin Bakar Ak Kumbang	1983-1998
8	Charlie Ak Ningkan	1998-1999
9	Sadie Bin Amit	1999-2003
10	Ahmad Jerry Bin Haji Hashim	2003-2016
11	Anthony Luta Anak Juing	2017-Now



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